

BRIDLINGTON RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

FOR THE YEAR

1948.

by

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of the

SANITARY INSPECTOR

A. RIDOUT, Cert.R.San.I., M.S.I.A., M.R.S.I., A.F.A.S.

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WOODROW,
21, TRINITY ROAD,
BRIDLINGTON.

Mr. Chairman, Miss. Owston and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you my
Annual Report for the year 1948, on the Health of the Rural
District.

1. Hospital and Sanatorium Provisions.

The care of the chronic sick is now provided for
at the County Hospital at Driffield, instead of at Marton
Road Institute, Bridlington.

There has been no change in laboratory facilities
nor in your Public Health Staff.

2. General Statistics.

Area of District. 66.903 acres,
Population of area (Estimated for 1948, from the
Registrars Generals figures) 9310.
Separate families. 2570.
Separate houses and other dwellings on 31st
December, 1948. 3422
Rateable value. £31.588.
Product of penny rate on the 31st March. 48. £129. 10. 6

3. Vital Statistics.

Population. 9310

	M.	F.	TOTAL.
Live Births. (Legitimate	65.	60.	125
(Illegitimate.	2.	5.	7
Total.	67.	65	132.

Birth rate per 1,000 of estimated resident population 14.93
Rate per 1,000 total (Live and still births)..... 15.76

	M.	F.	TOTAL.
Deaths.	45.	45.	85

Death rate per 1,000 estimated resident population. 9.61
Deaths from Puerperal Sepsis. 1.
Deaths from other puerperal causes. NIL.

Deaths of Infants under one year of age.

	M.	F.	Total.
Legitimate.....	3.	1.	4.
Illegitimate.....	0	0	0

Infantile death rate. 32.0 per 1000 live births (Legitimate).
 Infantile death rate for England & Wales, 35.0 per 1000
 live births (Legitimate).

Deaths from Measles, all ages. none.
 Deaths from Whooping Cough, all ages.. . . . none.
 Deaths from Diarrhoea, under 2 years of age . . . none.

4. Infectious Diseases.

Case rate of certain Infectious Diseases per 1000 population.
 Case rate of puerperal fever and pyrexia given per 1000
 total births.

Disease.	England & Wales.	Bridlington Rural District.
Small Pox.	nil.	nil.
Scarlet Fever.	1.73	0.22
Diphtheria.	0.08	nil.
Enteric Fever Group.	0.02	0.22
Erysipelas.	0.21	0.44
Pneumonia	0.73	0.66
Whooping Cough	3.42	1.32
Measles.	9.34	6.12
Puerperal Fever & Pyrexia	6.89	0.11

Diseases notified during the year.

Disease.	total notified.	admitted to sanatorium.	Deaths.
Scarlet Fever.	2	2	nil.
Parathphoid.	2	1	nil.
Erysipelas.	4	0	nil.
Pneumonia.	6	0	2
Measles.	55	0	nil.
Whooping Cough.	12.	0	nil.
Puerperal Sepsis.	1	0	1

5. Tuberculosis.


	<u>PULMONARY.</u>		<u>NON-BULMONARY.</u>
Males.	24.	Males.	5
Females.	14.	Females.	9
Total.	38.	Total.	14.

New Cases notified.

	<u>PULMONARY.</u>		<u>NON-PULMONARY.</u>
Males.	3.	Males.	1
Females.	4.	Females.	0
Total.	7.	Total.	1.

6. BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATIONS.

EXAMINATION.	POSITIVE.	NEGATIVE.	TOTAL.
Sputum for tuberculosis....	2	13	15
Swabs for Diphtheria.....	0	12.	12
Blood for Malarial parasites.	0	1	1
Gonococci.....	0	4	4
Widal for Typhoid Group.....	2	3	5
Miscellaneous.	1	0	1



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7. WATER SUPPLY.

The Rural Area is supplied with water from two Authorities, as follows:-

- (a) Supplied from waterworks under the control of the Rural District Council.

The Parishes of HUNMANBY....FLAMBOROUGH..... FOLKTON
and MUSTON.

- (b) Supplied from waterworks under the control of the Bridlington Corporation.

The Parishes of BARMSTON..BEMPTON..BOYNTON..BURTON AGNES..
BURTON FLEMING..CARNABY..GRINDALE..REIGHTON
& SPEETON..RUDSTON..SKIPSEA..THWING..ULROME
AND WOLD NEWTON.

- (1). The water supply has been satisfactory (a) in quality and (b) in quantity, with the exception of the supply to the village of Hunmanby, and Muston. These villages are supplied by the Hunmanby Waterworks.

The water level at the Hunmanby well sank during the dry season, owing to lack of rain or snow on the gathering grounds. It became necessary to urge economy in the use of water in the villages concerned during the months of November and December. There was also an unsatisfactory bacteriological report on the quality of the water. This was remedied by the cleansing of the reservoirs,.Until the bacteriological reports showed a high degree of purity, the water supply was chlorinated by the plant at the waterworks.

- (ii). Bacteriological examinations were made, both of raw and treated water, from the waterworks under the control of the Rural District Council.

13 Samples were taken, 5 of which proved to be of unsatisfactory quality, but after cleansing of the reservoirs, further samples were taken which proved to be satisfactory.

Samples are also taken,for examination,in the area supplied from waterworks under the control of the Bridlington Corporation.

- (iii) The water is not liable to plumbosolvent action.

- (iv) Apart from the Hunmanby water supply, there was no contamination of water supplies during the year. As stated in Paragraph (i) the reservoirs at Hunmanby were thoroughly cleansed, after which the supply proved to be of satisfactory quality.

Water Supply.

(v). Number of houses and population supplied with water;

PARISH.	To Houses.		From Standtaps.	
	Houses.	Population.	Houses.	Population.
Barmston.	41	143	37	121
Bempton.	117	358	66	209
Boynnton.	35	145	9	39
Burton Agnes.	99	361	47	149
Burton Fleming.	77	252	34	125
Carnaby.	83	325	31	135
Flamborough.	435	1261	61	243
Folkton.	106	406	12	45
Grindale.	26	97	27	103
Hunmanby.	451	1604	64	231
Muston.	68	246	42	149
Reighton.	69	247	46	163
Rudston.	87	298	51	181
Skipsea.	69	249	57	173
Thwing.	49.	149	15	63
Ulrome.	47	159	33	109
Wold Newton.	71	261	7	26

8. DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.

During the year a new system of sewera and sewage disposal works were completed for the Parish of Bempton and Buckton. This has long been needed and will be of great benefit to the two Villages.

A small sewage disposal plant has also been constructed at the North Landing, Flamborough, in order to do away with the pollution of the foreshore.

A similar plant is under consideration for the the Lighthouse area off Flamborough, in order to free the foreshore of pollution.

The volume of sewage in either case is not great, but as these foreshores are used as a playground for children, it is very necessary that these places be cleared of pollution by sewage.

9. Diphtheria Immunisation.

The immunisation of children against Diphtheria is still proceeding, and the following is a copy of the last return as sent to the Ministry of Health.

Number of children who had completed a fully course of immunisation at any time up to 31st December. 47

Under 1	1	2	3	4.	5 to 9	10 to 14.	Total
1947.	1946.	1945.	1944	1943.	1938.42	1933.37.	under 15.
22	67	27	82	100	553	463	1314.
Estimated child population of under five years. 776.					Child population 5 to 14 years. 1258		

I am, Mr. Chairman, Miss Owston and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

P. D. H. CHAPMAN.
Medical Officer of Health.

BRIDLINGTON RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

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To The CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE BRIDLINGTON
RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Mr. Chairman, Miss Owston and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you my
Sixth Annual Report of the Sanitary and other work carried
out by your Sanitary Inspector during the year ended the
31st December. 1948.

The total number of inspections carried out during the
year for all purposes was 1977.

1. Housing Acts.

During the year, 464 inspections were made
in connection with the housing survey and housing repairs
generally and notices were served in 27 cases, such notices
being informal notices. Repairs were carried out before
the end of the year in 24 cases.

Five houses were demolished during the year,
these houses having stood empty for some years and which
were the subject of a clearance order.

It is still found to be difficult in getting
repairs to houses carried out, owing to shortage of
labour and materials and the high prices of labour and
materials.

2. Public Health Acts.

93 COMPLAINTS AND NUISANCES were dealt with
during the year, 114 visits and inspections being made
for this purpose. Notices were served where found
necessary.

Summary of nuisances.

Dirty dwellings.....	4
Defective pail closets or privy middens.....	15
Offensive accumulations.....	34

3. Milk and Dairies Orders.

There are 263 Cowkeepers, producers and whole-
sale traders on the Register, of which 58 are also
Retail Traders.

During the year 211 inspection and visits have be
been made and as a result of these inspections the
following infringements have been dealt with:-

Cleansing of cowsheds.	53.
Structural alterations.	7.
Cleansing of utensils.	17.
Other matters,.	27.

4. Meat & Food Inspection.

As in previous years, the slaughtering of
animals for human consumption is carried out in the
central slaughterhouse, situated in the Borough of
Bridlington and the inspection of the carcasses is carried
out by the Bridlington Corporation Sanitary Inspectors.
This however has not done away with the supervision of meat
and food shops and 162 inspections have been carried out
in this connection. As a result of these inspections it
was found necessary to condemn 9 tins of milk and 11 tins
of beans as unfit for human consumption.

5. SHOPS ACTS.

Most of the shops in the area are run by Owner-occupiers, such shops having sufficient and satisfactory sanitary accommodation. The larger shops are visited periodically, 38 visits and inspections having been made, to ascertain the adequacy and condition of the sanitary accommodation.

6. Water Supplies and Supervision of Waterworks.

283 visits and inspections have been made in connection with this work. 13 samples were taken from the supplies under the control of the Rural District Council, such supplies being submitted to the Bacteriologist for examination.

During the month of November, the level of the water in the Hunmanby well sank and it became necessary to urge the utmost economy in the use of water during the two months, November and December.

The water level at Flamborough and Flixton has been well maintained during the year.

7. FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS.

There are 47 Factories and Workshops on the Register and 38 inspections have been made during the year. Any infrangements of the Acts and Regulations were dealt with, in conjunction with the Ministry's Factories Inspector.

8. SCAVENGING.

The work of scavenging is carried out by contract, in the Parishes of Flamborough and Hunmanby, and in this work 471 visits and inspections have been made.

In the remaining 15 Parishes in the area, the collection of tins &c is carried out once each quarter, and is carried out by direct labour, with the Council's lorry.

A great amount of trouble was encountered with the Contractor for the Parish of Flamborough, and in order to get the refuse collected it was necessary to use the Council's lorry and employees,.

9. SUPERVISION OF SEWAGE DISPOSAL WORKS AND DRAINAGE.

231 visits and inspections were made during the year. No major difficulties were encountered during the year, and a large amount of work was done regarding the cleansing of dykes under the control of the Council.

The sewerage disposal works and new system of sewers which were commenced at Bampton and Buckton during 1947 were completed, and the work of connecting the drains to the new sewer is proceeding.

10. INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

During the year two cases of scarlet fever were reported. Both cases were visited and instructions given, and thorough disinfection of the houses carried out.

11. FOOD AND DRUGS ACT. 1938. Section 14.

There are 39 premises registered for the sale, storage and/or manufacture of Ice Cream or preserved food, Frequent inspections of these premises are made.

12. RODENT CONTROL.

In addition to ordinary enquiries made during routine visits, 61 visits and inspections were made during the year and where necessary poisoning was carried out, There has been no incident of any major infestation during the year.

The refuse tips, and sewerage works under the control of the Council were treated as required.

13. SUPERVISION AND MAINTENANCE OF COUNCIL HOUSES.

The inspection of Council Houses for repairs and maintenance has taken up a considerable amount of time during the past year and once again a large amount of work has been carried out.

In this connection I would especially like to thank Mr. Woodhead and his Staff for their co-operation.

Summary of repairs carried out.

Defective floors.	62.
Defective Windows..	184.
Reglazing of windows.	196.
New Ranges.	7
Ranges repaired.....	76.
Oven saddles.....	83
Range cheeks.....	35.
Bottom grates.....	42
Doors repaired.....	93.
Repairs to flushing cisterns....	93
Defective plaster..	382
Gate repairs.....	112.
Drainer boards.....	32
Repairs to sink wastes.....	29.
Water leaks, ball taps.	87.
Defective brickwork.	59
Repairs to coppers.	12.
Repairs to paving.	38
Roof repairs.	90
Drainage.....	73
Provision of dustbins.	19.

14. Camps, tents, vans and sheds.

There are 19 Licensed camps in the area, such licenses being granted under section 269 of the Public Health Act. 1936. These camps stretch from the extreme north to the extreme south of the area, along the coastline, and owing to the distances to be travelled to some of these camps, it is extremely difficult to visit these camps as often as is desirable, but 115 visits and inspections have been made, to ascertain the sanitary and other conditions at the camps, and in most cases the camp Owners are very willing to co-operate.

15. STATISTICS OF VISITS AND INSPECTIONS CARRIED OUT
DURING THE YEAR, 1948.

Housing Acts.	307
Public Health and Public	
Health Housing Acts..	184
Milk and Dairies Orders. . .	211
Waterworks and Water. . .	283
Sewage works & drainage. . .	231
Factories & Workshops. . . .	38
Bakehouses.	17
Slaughterhouses	21
Tents, Vans, Sheds & Camps. .	115
Salvage.	17
Scavenging.	471
Other visits	37
Food inspection.	141
Infectious Diseases,	5
Rodent Control.	61
Shops Act.	38

Total.	<u>1977</u>
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I would again like to take this opportunity of expressing my thanks to the Council for the support and the consideration given to me during the year, also to the Medical Officer of Health, Dr. P.D.H. Chapman, the Clerk to the Council, Mr. A. S. Makin and the Staff for their interest and help in connection with my work.

I have the honour to be,

Mr. Chairman, Miss. Owston and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

A. RIDOUT.

Sanitary Inspector.

August, 1949.

